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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 26

1. WP (PAGE 2) "SOVIET CONCESSIONS SEEN ON GRAIN SHIPPING COST." REUTERS ITEM REPORTS SOURCES AS SAYING THAT SOVIET UNION, BOWING TO PRESSURE FROM AMERICAN MARITIME UNIONS, IS PREPARED TO PAY HIGHER FREIGHT RATES AND GIVE PREFERENCE TO AMERICAN VESSELS IN SHIPPING GRAIN TO SOVIET UNION. SOVIET MARITIME OFFICIALS HAVE ADOPTED CONCILIATORY STANCE DURING NEGOTIATIONS. STORY CONCLUDES IT WAS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHAT INFLUENCE UNIONS' BOYCOTT HAS HAD IN CHANGING SOVIET STANCE. (ALSO NYT)

2. WP (PAGE 3) "3 UNIONS FILE CHARGES IN LOADING BOYCOTT." STORY NOTES ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY BY THREE FARM ORGANIZATIONS THAT SECONDARY BOYCOTT CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST ILA AND ITS TEXAS LOCALS TO STOP UNION'S INTERFERENCE WITH GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO USSR.

3. NYT (PAGE 3) "REPORT OF SOVIET AID TO LISBON IS STUDIED," AP ITEM, DATELINED BRUSSELS, REPORTS THAT BELGIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS CHECKING PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT USSR

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HAS SENT POLITICAL FUNDS TO PORTUGAL THROUGH SHIPPING CON-

CERN IT RUNS IN ANTWERP. MONEY BELIEVED

TO BE SENT BY SOVIETS THROUGH THEIR COMMERCIAL AGENCIES
TO POLITICAL GROUPS ABROAD, BUT FACTS HARD TO ESTABLISH.

4. SUN (PAGE 13) CHARLES W. YOST COLUMN "HELSINKI
MIGHT HAVE FORCED SOVIET INTO A CORNER" TAKES LINE
RUSSIANS MAY HAVE PAINTED THEMSELVES INTO A TIGHT CORNER
IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FORMAL CONFIRMATION OF THE POSTWAR
STATUS QUO IN EASTERN EUROPE, SINCE SERIES OF
PROVISIONS IN HELSINKI "FINAL DOCUMENT" ARE ALL
CAPABLE OF DILUTING STATUS QUO. INGERSOLL

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